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SUBJECT: DEATH OF ROBERT FANT

REF: A) SINGAPORE 2994 B) STATE 165314

1. CONSULAR OFFICER MET TODAY WITH MRS. KIM FANT AND MR. VLADIMIR SALAMON, GENERAL MANAGER OF PAC INTERNATIONAL S.A., LOCAL AGENT FOR ROBERT FANT'S EMPLOYER, THE SAUDI ARABIAN TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION LTD. OF SAUDI ARABIA.

2. MRS. FANT EXPLAINED THAT ON ADVICE FROM HUSBAND'S FRIENDS, SHE HAD POSTPONED BURIAL ON ASSUMPTION COMPANY WOULD SHIP EMBALMED REMAINS TO U.S. INSPITE OF WILLIAM FANT'S INSTRUCTIONS TO BURY REMAINS LOCALLY. THE SAUDI ARABIAN COMPANY, HOWEVER, HAD NO CONTRACT OBLIGATION TO SHIP REMAINS TO U.S. SINCE SINGAPORE WAS THE PLACE OF FANT'S HIRE.

3. MRS. FANT HAS NOW AGREED TO HAVE REMAINS BURIED LOCALLY. BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1400 HOURS, TOMORROW JULY 19 AT THE CHUA CHU KANG CHRISTIAN CEMETARY, SINGAPORE. ALL BURIAL EXPENSES WILL BE PAID BY PAC INTERNATIONAL.

4. ANOTHER PROBLEM, IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS JOB RELATED AND COVERED UNDER A WORKMEN'SMMVM COMPENSATION POLICY CARRIED BY THE SAUDI COMPANY WITH UNITED KINGDOM PROTECTION UNCLASSIFIED

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AND INDEMNITY CLUB WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH LLOYDS OF LONDON. SINCE THE DECEASED HAD BEEN ON AND OFF JOB FOR HEALTH REASONS FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THIS DEATH, WHICH OCCURRED AT HOME FROM NATURAL CAUSES, CLAIM, NOW BEING STUDIED BY INSURANCE ADJUSTERS, IS EXPECTED TO BE DENIED.

5. ACCORDING TO PAC INTERNATIONAL REP. THE COMPANY IS UNAWARE

IF DECEASED CARRIED OTHER INSURANCE, HOWEVER, FUNDS FROM ACCRUED
WAGES ARE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY SUPPORT AND REPATRIATIO
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OF FAMILY TO OKLAHOMA WHERE THEY INTEND TO STAY WITH RELATIVE OF
MRS. FANT.

6. MRS. FANT AND CHILDREN PLAN TO DEPART SINGAPORE FOR U.S. ON
THURSDAY JULY 21.

7. INTEREST CONGRESSMAN GIAIMO.
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